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Proposed strategic framework for the period 2006-2007

Part two: biennial programme plan

(Item 3(b))

Programme 3
Disarmament

1. At its 10th meeting, on 15 June 2004, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered programme 3, Disarmament, of the proposed biennial programme plan (A/59/6 (Prog. 3)).

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced programme 3 and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

3. The Committee welcomed the presentation of the programme narrative of programme 3. Appreciation was expressed for the efforts of the Department of Disarmament Affairs, in particular its work on weapons of mass destruction. The Department was also encouraged to recognize the powerful and deadly effects of illicit small arms and light weapons. The view was expressed that there was no longer a need to single out nuclear weapons when referring to weapons of mass destruction. Concern was expressed that there was no programme narrative on the relationship between disarmament and development. The initiative of the

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Department to increase the use of the electronic media for dissemination and exchange of information, in particular to the general public particularly to those in the developing world, was welcomed.

4. The concern was expressed that important elements which were included in the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 had been omitted. The views were also expressed that there was a lack of ambition in the logical framework; that the expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement should be further enhanced with a view to meeting the objectives; and that the usefulness was questionable of including a gender mainstreaming element in all of the subprogrammes in view of the action already being implemented by the United Nations as a whole.

5. The view was expressed that the maintenance and reinforcement of disarmament and non-proliferation and disarmament were two sides of the same issue, complementing each other, and should be pursued in tandem. It was stated that many multilateral treaties concerning disarmament, such as the biological and chemical weapons conventions, stipulated non-proliferation, and that proliferation, especially of weapons of mass destruction, was considered to constitute a threat to international peace and security, as affirmed in the Security Council resolution 1540 (2004) and several resolutions adopted by the General Assembly. The view was also expressed that the importance of non-proliferation should be duly reflected in the biennial programme plan.

6. The view was also expressed that the programme plan should properly reflect the recommendations arising from the 2002 United Nations study on disarmament and non-proliferation education, which were addressed not only to States but to the United Nations and other international organizations.

7. The following amendments were proposed to programme 3, Disarmament, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2006-2007.

Overall orientation

8. In paragraph 3.2, second sentence, delete the words "and relevant resolutions of the Security Council".

9. In paragraph 3.2, delete the final sentence.

10. In paragraph 3.5, add at the end of the paragraph the following new sentence: "The Department will also assist Member States in increasing understanding among them of the relationship between disarmament and development".

Subprogramme 1

11. In the title of subprogramme 1, after the word "disarmament", add the words "and non-proliferation".

12. Revise the objective of the Organization to read: "To promote arms limitation and disarmament, to make every effort to ensure that, when multilateral agreements in the field of disarmament are negotiated, they will be universally acceptable, and to increase expertise in the field of arms limitation and disarmament in more Member States, in particular developing countries".

or

13. In the objective of the Organization, after the word "disarmament", add the words "and non-proliferation".

or

14. Revise the objective of the Organization, as reflected in the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005, to read: "To promote arms limitation and disarmament, to make every effort to ensure that, when multilateral agreements in the field of disarmament are negotiated, they will be universally acceptable, and to increase expertise in the field of arms limitation and disarmament in more Member States, in particular developing countries".

or

15. Revise the objective of the Organization to read: "To support multilateral negotiations and deliberations on arms limitation and disarmament agreements and provide support, as required by State parties, to the existing multilateral arms limitation and disarmament agreements".

16. In expected accomplishments of the Secretariat (a), replace the words "disarmament agreements" with the words "disarmament and non-proliferation agreements".

17. Replace indicators of achievement (a) and (b) with the indicator "Feedback from delegations as to the standard of organizational and substantive services provided".

18. In indicator of achievement (c) (i), after the words "relevant draft resolution", add the words "and of participants in the programme".

19. Add the following new indicator of achievement (c) (ii): "An increase in the number of applicants for the United Nations Disarmament Fellowship, Training and Advisory Services Programme and greater support for the Disarmament Fellowship Programme by Member States".

20. In paragraph 3.7 (c), final sentence, after the word "disarmament", insert the words "and non-proliferation".

21. Add the following new paragraph 3.7 (f): "Provide Member States, International and non-governmental organizations updated information and advisory services on arms control and disarmament".

Subprogramme 2

22. Revise the objectives of the Organization, as reflected in the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005, to read: "To promote the efforts for nuclear disarmament and to assist Member States, as requested, in supporting existing treaties related to weapons of mass destruction".

or

23. In the objective of the Organization, after the word "disarmament", add the words "and non-proliferation".

24. In the objective of the Organization, after the word "systems", add the words "and to strive for their elimination, and to this end".

25. In the objective of the Organization, before the words "to contribute", delete the word "and".

26. Under expected accomplishments of the Secretariat (a), after the word "disarmament", add the words "and non-proliferation".

27. Revise indicator of achievement (a) to read: "Feedback from delegations as to the standard of organizational and substantive services provided".

28. Move expected accomplishment (b) and indicator of achievement (b) to subprogramme 4.

29. Add the following new expected accomplishment: "(b) Enhance the assistance in the implementation of decisions, recommendations and programmes of action adopted by the conference and meetings of state parties to multilateral legally binding agreements related to weapons of mass destruction".

30. In expected accomplishment (b), delete the words "as well as on the potential threat of use of weapons of mass destruction and related materials in terrorist acts".

31. Add the following new indicator of achievement: "(b) An increase in the number of countries receiving assistance in the implementation of decisions, recommendations and programmes of action adopted by the conferences and meetings of state parties to multilateral legally binding agreements related to weapons of mass destruction".

32. Revise paragraph 3.8 (a) to read: "Assisting and supporting Member States in their negotiations, deliberations and consensus-building for reducing and moving towards the elimination of weapons of mass destruction and their delivery systems, as well as in global efforts to promote disarmament and non-proliferation and to prevent the acquisition of weapons of mass destruction by terrorists".

or

33. Revise paragraph 3.8 (a) to read: "Assisting and supporting Member States in their negotiations, deliberations and consensus-building in the area of weapons of mass destruction, in particular nuclear weapons, and on their delivery systems, as well as assisting Member States, at their request, in their endeavours in the area of disarmament and non-proliferation.

34. In paragraph 3.8 (b), after the words "mass destruction", add the words "and their delivery systems".

35. In paragraph 3.8 (b), delete the words "and universalization".

36. In paragraph 3.8 (c), after the word "cooperation", add the words "in accordance with existing arrangements".

Subprogramme 3

37. In the objective of the Organization, after the words "security posed by", add the words "the illicit trade".

or

38. Revise the objective of the Organization, as reflected in the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005, to read: "To promote greater mutual confidence between Member States in the field of conventional arms and to address the destabilizing and

excessive accumulation of and illicit trafficking in and manufacture of small arms and light weapons".

39. In indicator of achievement (b) (i), replace the word "maintenance" with the word "increase".

40. In indicator of achievement (b) (i), replace the words "expansion of the scope" with the words "further improvement of the functioning".

41. In indicators of achievement (b) (ii), replace the words "Maintenance of" with the words "Increase in".

42. Revise paragraph 3.9 (f) to read: "Supporting the continued operation and further development of the United Nations Register of Conventional Arms".

Subprogramme 4

43. Revise the objective of the Organization, as reflected in the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005, to read: "To provide Member States and the public with objective, impartial and up-to-date information on disarmament activities".

or

44. In the objective of the Organization, after the word "disarmament", insert the words "and non-proliferation".

45. Insert the text of subprogramme 2, expected accomplishment (b), to read: "(d) Enhanced use by Member States of information on issues relating to weapons of mass destruction, in particular nuclear weapons, including new trends and developments, as well as on potential threat of use of mass destruction and related materials in terrorists acts".

46. In indicator of achievement (b), after the word "regional", insert the word "multilateral".

47. Add a new expected accomplishment to read: "(d) Better preparedness of States to undertake multilateral deliberations and negotiations in the field of disarmament".

48. Add a new indicator of achievement to read: "(d) (i) A better flow of factual and objective information regarding various aspects of disarmament and easier access by end-users to such information (status of treaties, treaty obligations, progress in negotiations etc.)".

49. Insert the text of subprogramme 2, indicator of achievement (b), to read: "(d) (ii) An increase in the number of requests to the Branch for background information, policy and analytical advice; (d) (iii) An increase in the number of visits (page views) to the Branch's web page".

50. In paragraph 3.10 (a), at the end of the paragraph add the words "and non-proliferation".

Subprogramme 5

51. Revise the objective of the Organization, as reflected in the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005, to read: "To promote and enhance international efforts towards global disarmament and international peace and security through the

support and promotion of regional disarmament efforts and initiatives, using approaches freely arrived at among the States of the region and taking into account the legitimate requirements of States for self-defence and the specific characteristics of each region".

52. In expected accomplishment (c), replace the word "landmines" with the words "disarmament and non-proliferation".

or

53. Delete expected accomplishment (c).

54. Delete indicator of achievement (c).

or

55. In indicator of achievement (c) (i), at the end of the indicator add the words "particularly in the most mine-affected regions".

56. In indicator of achievement (c) (ii), after the words "number of requests for", insert the words "and positive feedback on".

Legislative mandates

57. Add the following General Assembly resolution:

58/521	Convening of the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament

Conclusions and recommendations

58. The Committee recommended that the General Assembly allocate programme 3, Disarmament, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2006-2007 to the First Committee, for its review and action, and for subsequent submission to the Fifth Committee, for its consideration, in the context of the overall proposed strategic framework for the period 2006-2007 under the item entitled "Programme planning".

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Programme 4
Peacekeeping operations

1. At its 19th meeting, on 22 June 2004, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered programme 4, Peacekeeping operations, of the proposed biennial programme plan (A/59/6 (Prog.4)).

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the programme and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

3. General support was expressed for the programme of work of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations. The view was expressed that activities of the programme represented one of the highest priorities of the Organization, and that they were in line with the recommendations of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations.

4. The view was expressed that safety and security of staff in the field was a top priority and should be realized through the joint work of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, Office of the United Nations Security Coordinator, and other organizations participating in the security management system. It was stressed

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that the integrated approach and greater coordination within the United Nations system and with external partners provided better preparedness for the recent surge in peacekeeping operations.

5. It was pointed out that there should be sufficient information for the effective implementation of peacekeeping operations, and emphasis should be placed on the continuous flow of information to and from Member States in all phases of peacekeeping operations. Concern was expressed about how the requirements of getting information on time and coordinating all operations in the field would be met.

6. The Committee welcomed the emphasis placed on training and gender mainstreaming by the Department. It was noted that recourse to training, in particular specialized training, was an important element of the strategy for the plan period.

7. The importance of proper planning for the military components of peacekeeping operations was highlighted, together with the importance of establishing appropriate entry/exit strategies. It was noted that development and implementation of best practices from the use of force to disarmament, demobilization and reintegration was a key priority for the Department.

8. The Committee emphasized that police officers should be recruited in accordance with approved human resources management rules and procedures. Emphasis was placed on the engagement by the Department of regional and subregional organizations on policing issues, and the Committee encouraged the development of partnerships with national police academic institutions.

9. Satisfaction was expressed with the progress made in the implementation of the mine action advocacy strategy. The view was expressed that duplication should be avoided through coordinated efforts with programme 3, Disarmament.

10. The view was expressed that more attention should be given at the outset of peacekeeping missions to the preparation for transition to long-term peace and development.

11. It was indicated that some of the objectives, expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement needed further refinement.

Conclusions and recommendations

12. **The Committee recommended that programme plans facilitate the efficient and cost-effective implementation of peacekeeping operations.**

13. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of programme 4, Peacekeeping operations, of the proposed biennial programme plan, subject to the following modifications:**

Before the heading "Overall orientation", add the heading "A. Peacekeeping operations".

Overall orientation

Paragraph 4.2

In the first sentence, replace the word "six" with the word "five", and delete the words "and Peacekeeping Missions".

Subprogramme 1

Replace expected accomplishment of the Secretariat (a) with the following accomplishment: "Provision of timely informed advice and recommendations on issues related to peacekeeping to the Security Council, General Assembly, other intergovernmental bodies, troop-contributing and other contributing countries".

Replace indicator of achievement (b) (ii) with the following indicator: "Number of successful structural arrangements with regional organizations as judged by mandate fulfilment".

Paragraph 4.6

After the words "troop-contributing", add the words "and other contributing".

Paragraph 4.7

Revise the paragraph to read: "The United Nations faces increased challenges in planning for and effectively implementing the complex mandates that are often called for in peacekeeping operations today, and in meeting the planning demands of surges in operational activity. The Office of Operations will seek to coordinate a fully integrated mission planning process across all stakeholders within the United Nations system, producing a mission concept of operations and component plans that are fully understood, integrated and owned, both at Headquarters and in the field. Best practices and lessons learned will be implemented in the design, planning and implementation of new and existing missions. The safety and security of personnel working in peacekeeping operations will be accorded the highest priority, and to that end appropriate attention, both at Headquarters and in the field, will be given to information management, security assessment and risk and threat analysis. In addition, the Office of Operations will seek to promote regional peacekeeping capacity and organizational relationships and focus on partnerships to address cross-cutting issues."

Subprogramme 2

In the objective of the Organization, after the words "fulfil their mandates", add the words "efficiently and effectively".

In indicator of achievement (b) (iii), after the words "the number of", add the words "applicable and effective".

Add the following new indicators of achievement:

(b) (iv) 100 per cent of international civilian staff have been given pre-deployment training, in-mission training and appropriate training and development

(b) (v) High percentage of senior staff in the field at the commencement of the mission

(b) (vi) Streamlined process of civilian recruitment and reduction of waiting times.

Subprogramme 4

In the objective of the Organization, replace the words "United Nations criminal justice standards" with the words "accepted international standards".

Paragraph 4.11

In the second sentence, after the words "In a post-conflict society", add the words "the re-establishment of the rule of law and", and at the end of the sentence, replace the words "sustainable peace" with the words "lasting peace".

In the third sentence, after the words "the Division develops", add the words "together with the Department's judicial and corrections experts".

Revise the fourth sentence to read: "With other relevant parts of the Department the Division engages in partnerships, particularly with the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, for the development of national policing institutions and judicial and corrections systems."

Paragraph 4.12

At the end of the paragraph, add the following new sentence: "The Division will consider how to further enhance efficient planning and early implementation of mandates."

Subprogramme 6
B. United Nations Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan (UNMOGIP)

Revise the objective of the Organization to read: "To monitor developments pertaining to ceasefire violations along the line of control in accordance with the UNMOGIP mandate contained in Security Council resolution 307 (1971)".

Revise expected accomplishment (a) to read: "Presence of United Nations military observers in established UNMOGIP field stations on both sides of the line of control to monitor ceasefire violations".

In expected accomplishment (b), replace the words "complaints by the parties in areas near the Line of Control" with the words "ceasefire violations".

At the end of indicator of achievement (b) (i), add the words "to the extent permitted by the host countries".

Paragraph 4.17

Revise the paragraph to read: "The United Nations Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan will continue to provide timely and detailed routine reports as well as ad hoc reports on relevant developments in the UNMOGIP area of operations, in accordance with the implementation of its mandate."

Paragraph 4.18

In the first sentence, replace the word "complaints" with the words "alleged complaints".

Delete the last two sentences and replace them with the following sentence: "The number of United Nations Military Observers may be adjusted among Headquarters and field stations in accordance with operational requirements".